

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Wednesday
July 18, 2001
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland

Members Present

Veronica Casados
John Van Walleghen
Linda Matney
Bob Wine
Bob Schreck
David Pendergraft
John Cohoon
Wintilio Ortiz
Rosalie Bradley
Doratheia Sloan

Members Absent

Bickley Foster

Guests

listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Welcoming guests and asked DAB members to introduce themselves and state what neighborhood or homeowner's association area they represented.

No minutes were submitted for approval.

Council Member Fearey then asked to approve modifies or amends to the agenda presented. Addition to the agenda to include *Item 6: Bridge over floodway*. Agenda was approved with amendment. (**Schreck/Sloan 10-0**)

PUBLIC AGENDA

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. All items will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

No issues were presented.

PLANNING

No Items were submitted.

BOARD AGENDA

1. **Presentation on Day Reporting Center Locations**

Background: On July 10, 2001, the City Council considered proposed sites at Harry & McLean (District IV) and Bridgeport (District VI) for a Day Reporting Center (DRC).

One member of the public attending the Council Meeting addressed the Council regarding concerns for four (4) homeowners in the residential area surrounding the Harry & McLean site.

Council Members expressed a desire to provide an opportunity for residents near both sites to ask questions and consider the potential impact of locating a Center in the area. In addition, Council Members noted concerns for the Harry & McLean site due to the City's plan for developing and beautifying the riverbank area including future enhancements further south and for schools located in the area.

The Council voted 7:0 to forward the issue to District Advisory Boards for Districts IV and VI, and to the Alternative Correctional Housing Board to obtain public input. The Council plans to consider feedback from those meetings at their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 24.

Action taken: District VI Advisory Board Action: At the regular meeting on July 18, 2001, the Board recommended *The site at Bridgeport be selected for the new facility of the Day Reporting Center, including a fence (barrier) to surround the Adult Soccer field for additional safety and for adequate bus service be available for the persons utilizing this facility.* (7-2-1 abstain due to their position with the Alternative Correctional Housing Board).

Board Members identified several issues/concerns including A) The adult soccer field is an area where there are many families with small children that come to view the games; B) Possible children's soccer games will be included at these fields; C) Bridgeport will give the Citizens a greater sense of security that this facility will not be close to any residential areas; D) the site at Harry and McLean is not large enough for expansion; E) Concern of the amount of children that walk to and from school in the Harry and McLean area.

One Board member felt both sites were unacceptable and the City should continue to look for other possible sites.

Approximately 3 members of the public spoke expressing concerns regarding a) the area at Ohio having hazardous waste, part of the super fund; b) the area of Harry and McLean was not surveyed for home schooling facilities, day care facilities with under 10 children and non- licensed day care centers and c) no room for expansion at Harry and McLean site.

One citizen spoke in favor of the site at Harry and McLean stating that only one criteria had not been met but all the other advantages such as transportation, services that the center users will need such as training, counseling would be available.

2. **Deputy Chief Steve Cole on Community Policing (CP)**

Deputy Chief Cole, Wichita Police Department, gave an overview of how Community Police was initiated and the different phases that have occurred during the past years.

- ❑ *Cole* explained how 911 calls are prioritized differently than in previous years. This enables the police officer to use their time wisely, look at better use of resources and continue to prevent crime.
- ❑ School Resource officers have been divided from community policing and this allows better command.

- ❑ The City of Wichita is having difficulty in hiring officers and this is being reviewed.

Officer Chet Pinkston, President of the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) and past Community Police officer was also present to respond to questions. Pinkston stated that the City of Wichita entered contract negotiations and the result was good, with an increase in the bottom line at 25% over the next three years. The FOP strongly governs the CP officers, they watch that the officers are not working 12-14 hours daily, have too many demands, and work in a healthy atmosphere.

Following are questions or comments from audience and *response in Italics*:

- ⇒ The hours that CP officers work are not convenient. *Daytime hours for CP officers are needed to do follow-up with community resources. CP Officers can use their flextime, but they can't work both day and night. We do not encourage longer hours and days, as this creates stress.*
- ⇒ When Chief Watson was here, Community Policing was a positive change for the community, things are going back to the way they were before that and we are not prepared to go back. *CP officers are needed for events, protests, festivals, that require their specific training and skills. For example, if beat officers are taken off of responding to 911 calls then other officers have to respond, this would possibly need a CP officer to respond to the 911 call.*
- ⇒ What is the future of Community Police? *That every police officer be a form of Community officer, neighborhood friendly, proactive, looks at community needs and someone to contact for specific problems.*
- ⇒ My CP officer knew all the neighbors and got everyone involved, by this happening it caused a decrease in crime and the neighborhood became involved and were very active. The CP officer became a part of our community and we could trust them. *Extreme demands on CP. Please be patient.*
- ⇒ We appreciate the officers, but something is wrong in the department, something has changed. Is there a correlation of increase in crime by the decrease of CP involvement? *Cole stated feeling very frustrated by this statement because the CP officers are doing more and more. The CP officer should be responding to issues that are important to you. How can we redevelop trust again?*

Member Bradley stated tonight's discussion needs to be directed to Chief Williams and the City Manager. This is a priority as a community.

Council Member Fearey thanked *Deputy Chief Cole* and *Officer Pinkston* for attending tonight and listening to the concerns of the community.

The neighborhood assistant will follow-up with the complaints that were expressed tonight and respond to each individual.

Action taken: Receive and file

3. **DAB Member for CSBG Review Committee**

Member Matney also serves on this board and gave a brief explanation of the committee and its duties. The committee oversees funding of federal and state dollars and allocates money to areas that are low-moderate income and to get resources for people who need them.

Action taken: **Member David Pendergraft** was appointed to also serve on this committee.

4. **Problem Properties**

- a) 13th and Market-truck parked on sidewalk right-of-way
- b) 21st and Richmond-chained link fence announce cars for sale.
- c) L1-32 parking meter at Century Plaza-broken-took money but did not record time.
- d) Car lot sales at 29th and Arkansas

Action taken: Receive and follow up with appropriate departments.

5. **Updates on Previous Issues *responses in italics***

A) Follow-up on ruling from City Council about the car lot located at West and 9th street. *MAPD thought DAB VI would deny the request. Neighbors will have to continue to check on this status.*

6. **Bridge over the Floodway**

Benjamin Hills Neighborhood Association presented at City Council asking for this topic to come before the Council again and be looked at. The Mayor stated this topic would be coming to Council soon. Once it comes to agenda, DAB VI and the neighborhood associations will be notified. **Council Member Fearey** stated that the DAB should relook at all the proposals, including the public works and planning department's presentations. Also, talk about social, financial, individual, environmental impacts, obstacles and the railroad tracks. Look at the 66-inch water line, closing Westdale and traffic counts.

Member Wine commented that with all the previous presentations, many questions were left unanswered. We need actual costs wherever the bridge will go. We should not do anything until we have all the information we need.

Council Member Fearey wants statements from the DAB to take to the City Council and discuss this decision of re-looking at the bridge with the City Manager and the Mayor. Fearey wants this decision to be the most positive and have the least negative impact for all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ **Alternative Correctional Housing Board Meeting,**
Thursday, July 19th City Hall, 455 N. Main, first floor boardroom. Noon
- ❑ **Planning Cases for August 6th DAB meeting**
312 N. Mosley Street: Zone change LI to OT-O. Extend Old Town protective overlay district.
355 N. Rock Island: LI to Old Town Overlay to permit multi-family use on the property.

- ❑ **The Park & Rec. Dept. and Park Board will hold a public hearing** on Tuesday, July 24, at 7:00 p.m. City Hall, 455 N. Main, in the first floor board room to discuss projects and costs for the Riverside Park System.
- ❑ **Member Schreck said July 30th was the meeting for looking at the C&D landfill. 6-9p.m. in the Sunflower room at the Sedgwick County Extension office.**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
District VI Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Marjorie Mallisee	1585 N. Athenian, 67203
Katy Lamb	1565 N. Athenian, 67203
Chuck and Jan Hadley	1616 Garland, 67203
Dean Pressnall	2211 Woodland, 67204
Frances Hinkle	1514 W. 25 th St. North, 67204
John & Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield, 67203
Arthur Herndon	1137 Woodrow, 67203
Teresa Sanya	Topeka, Ks
Herbert Sloan	3929 N. Athenian 67204
Bill Fox	701 Litchfield, 67203
Amelia Ornelas	2359 Garland, 67204
Roxie Shaw	2614 Park Place, 67204
Richard and Margaret Hess	1643 Woodrow Ct. 67203
Bill D. Reaser	1833 Lisa Lane, 67203
Thomas Docking	200 W. Douglas 4 th Fl. 67202
Kim Klemme	200 W. Douglas 4 th Fl. 67202
Leslie Hicks	2230 Cardinal Dr, 67204
Janet Miller	1102 Jefferson, 67203
Nile Dillmore	1102 Jefferson, 67203
Lester McGuire	2926 Porter
Zella Gibson	2911 Porter
Lola Howard	2534 Mascot
Benito Mendoza	2739 Fairview
Ken Thomas	2300 N. Broadway
Wendell and Ruby Turner	2623 Fairview
Kurt Schroeder	City Staff
Jose and Dolores Cabral	1930 N. Market
Deputy Chief Cole	City Staff
Off. Chet Pinkston	City Staff